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TRIAD TEACHER TRAINING **2006-2007**

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During the 2006-2007 school year, the TN DOE will again collaborate with TRIAD of Vanderbilt to provide teacher training to those staff who work with children with autism.

The training consists of three days of hands-on experience with children who have autism, plus the opportunity to receive a site visit in the trainee's setting within two months of their training. Training topics include characteristics, assessment, methodologies, communication, and behavior. Applicants can include general and special education teachers, speech-language therapists, related service personnel, behavior consultants, paraprofessionals, or any other school personnel involved in educating students with autism.

All trainings take place in Nashville, and participants must attend all three days to be eligible for the site visit and certificate. During 2006-2007, trainings offered will include Basic K-6, Basic Middle/High School, and Advanced K-12. Teachers should apply early and for the grade level they teach. **Please do not assume you will attend simply because you return the form.** You will be notified four weeks in advance if you are accepted.

There is **no cost** for the training or materials. The only cost to participants is transportation, food, and lodging, (if needed). Participants must fill out an application and be accepted. A maximum of two people from the same system can be accepted for the same training. Special education directors who have interested staff may contact Linda Copas in the Division of Special Education at (615)-741-7790 for an application, or e-mail her at Linda.Copas@state.tn.us

Training dates are:

September 26-28, 2006	Basic K-6
October 24-26, 2006	Basic Middle/HS
November 28-30, 2006	Basic K-6
January 23-25, 2007	Basic Middle/HS
February 27-March 1, 2007	Advanced K-12
March 27-29, 2007	Basic K-6